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1. TRANSPORTATION POLICY OBJECTIVES OF TURKISH THIRD FIVE-YEAR PLAN (1973-77): OVERALL OBJECTIVE WAS TO INCREASE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO A LEVEL ADEQUATE TO MEET DEMAND CREATED BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GROWTH OF CITIES, AND RISE IN PRIVATE CAR OWNERSHIP. PLAN AIMED AT PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE SUFFICIENT TO AVOID BLOCKING DEVELOPMENT OF OTHER SECTORS. PLAN ENVISAGED IMPROVEMENT OF HIGHWAYS, MAINTENANCE OF RAILROADS AND IMPROVEMENT OF RAILROAD EQUIPMENT, AND INCREASE IN CAPACITY OF SEA AND AIR TRANSPORT.

2. PLAN ANTICIPATED THAT TOTAL INVESTMENT IN TRANSPORTATION SECTOR 1973-77 WOULD AMOUNT TO \$2,414 MILLION OVER PLAN PERIOD, IN 1971 PRICES. THIS AMOUNT WAS BROKEN DOWN INTO INVESTMENTS OF PLANNED \$1,257 MILLION IN HIGHWAYS, \$543 MILLION IN RAILROADS, \$300 MILLION IN SEA TRANSPORTATION, AND \$314 MILLION IN AIR TRANSPORTATION.

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3. DEMAND FOR TRANSPORTATION ASSUMED IN PLAN:

A. HIGHWAYS. PLAN FORESAW DURING 1973-1977 AN AVERAGE ANNUAL INCREASE OF 27.7 PERCENT IN NUMBER OF PASSENGERS TO BE MOVED WITHIN CITIES AND 16.1 PERCENT INCREASE, BETWEEN CITIES. MOVEMENT OF CARGO OVER HIGHWAYS WAS ESTIMATED TO INCREASE AT AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE OF 18.7 PERCENT THROUGHOUT PLAN PERIOD.

B. RAILROADS. TRANSPORTATION OF INDUSTRIAL GOODS BY RAILROADS

WAS EXPECTED TO INCREASE 8.8 PERCENT A YEAR. TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS BY SUBURBAN TRAINS WAS EXPECTED TO INCREASE 10 PERCENT A YEAR.

C. SEA TRANSPORTATION. PLAN ANTICIPATED THAT 50 PERCENT OF TURKISH TRADE WOULD MOVE IN TURKISH-FLAG VESSELS BY END OF PLAN PERIOD. CARGO-CARRYING CAPACITY OF MERCHANT FLEET WAS TO INCREASE TO 39 BILLION TON/KILOMETERS IN 1977 FROM 24 BILLION TON/KILOMETERS IN 1972.

D. AIR TRANSPORTATION. NUMBER OF PASSENGERS CARRIED BY AIRLINES SERVING TURKEY WAS TO INCREASE 20 PERCENT A YEAR, ON AVERAGE, FROM 3.3 MILLION IN 1971.

4. CAPACITY INCREASE CALLED FOR IN THIRD PLAN.

A. HIGHWAYS. AGGREGATE LENGTH OF STATE AND PROVINCIAL HIGHWAYS WOULD NOT BE SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED, BUT STANDARDS FOR EXISTING HIGHWAYS WOULD BE IMPROVED.

B. RAILROADS. PHYSICAL STANDARDS OF RAILROADS WOULD BE IMPROVED. EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON REPLACEMENT OF STEAM ENGINES WITH DIESEL ENGINES; NUMBER OF DIESEL ENGINES WAS TARGETED TO INCREASE FROM 185 IN 1972 TO 428 IN 1977. NUMBER OF FREIGHT CARS WAS PLANNED TO RISE FROM 16,560 IN 1972 TO 21,289 IN 1977.

C. SEA TRANSPORTATION. CAPACITY OF MARITIME FLEET WAS TO RISE FROM 1,015,419 DWT IN 1972 TO 1,765,000 DWT IN 1977. LOADING AND UNLOADING FACILITIES AT BLACK SEA AND MEDITERRANEAN PORTS WERE TO BE EXPANDED.

D. AIR TRANSPORTATION. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT IN FLEET OF TURKISH AIRLINES WOULD BE INCREASED FROM 18 IN 1972 TO 25 IN 1977.

5. REALIZATION OF THIRD PLAN TO DATE. IN PERIOD 1973-76, MANY UNCLASSIFIED

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TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THIRD PLAN COULD NOT BE REALIZED ON TIME DUE TO LACK OF ADEQUATE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL FINANCING AND DUE TO INSUFFICIENT TECHNICAL PERSONNEL. SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE IN 1977 MAY SET BACK PLAN RESULTS STILL FURTHER.

6. 1977 ANNUAL PROGRAM. 1977 ANNUAL PROGRAM WITHIN THIRD PLAN CALLED FOR FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

A. HIGHWAYS. TURKEY WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE STANDARDS OF EXISTING HIGHWAYS, NOW REACHING 59,065 KILOMETERS IN AGGREGATE LENGTH, RATHER THAN CONSTRUCT NEW ROADS.

B. RAILROADS. NEW RAILROAD LINES WILL NOT BE LAID. EXISTING LINES, NOW TOTALLING 8,138 KILOMETERS, WILL BE MAINTAINED.

C. SEA TRANSPORTATION. TURKISH MARITIME FLEET NOW TOTALS 1,406,139 DWT, A FIGURE STILL WELL BELOW TARGET OF THIRD PLAN (SEE ABOVE). OF THIS, 828,045 DWT ARE IN CARGO SHIPS; 27,211 DWT ARE IN PASSENGER SHIPS, AND 550,883 DWT ARE IN TANKERS. PROPOSALS FOR NEW HARBOR PROJECTS ARE TO BE PREPARED.

D. AIR TRANSPORTATION. WORK IS TO CONTINUE ON BUILDING NEW

PROVINCIAL AIRPORTS AND IMPROVING EXISTING ONES. PROJECTS WILL BE PREPARED FOR CNSTRUCTION OF AIRFIELDS FOR PLANES LANDING AND TAKING OFF IN SHORT DISTANCES. PASSENGER TRAFFIC AT TURKISH AIRPORTS, WHICH TOTALED 3.3 MILLION PERSONS IN 1971 AND REACHED 7.3 MILLION IN 1976, IS EXPECTED TO AMOUNT TO 8.6 MILLION IN 1977, SOMEWHAT UNDER PLANNED ESTIMATE.

7. KEY PERSONNEL IN IMPLEMENTATION OF TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS:

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS IBRAHIM AYSOY
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF HIGHWAYS ORHAN BATI
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF STATE RAILROADS AHMET SARP
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MARITIME BANK (STATE-OWNED; OPERATES MOST TURKISH-FLAG MERCHANDISE VESSELS) RECAI HANIOGLU
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TURKISH AIRLINES NURETTIN ERGUVANLI
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF STATE AIRFIELDS OPERATION NECDET TAMAY
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